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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIDAKA, Haretaro et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1725

Serial No.: 10/058,223

Examiner: **STONER, Kiley Shawn**

Filed: **January 29, 2002**

**P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2225**

**FOR: INTEGRATED PIPING PLATE, MACHINING METHOD FOR SAME,  
MACHINING APPARATUS FOR SAME, AND MACHINING EQUIPMENT FOR  
SAME**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1725**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **October 28, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.